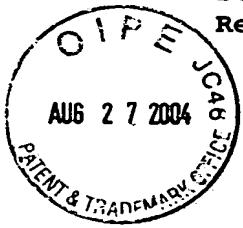


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Responsive to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 5-7, and 9-17, and having a shortened period for response set to expire on August 14, 2004, which period is extended to expire on September 14, 2004, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.